

Morning Worship
Sunday, August 16, 2020, 10:00 am
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Beginning Music "Breatheron Me, Breath of God"
Prelude "Grace Greater Than Sin" Ron Giannattasio
Words to ponder: "When all seems to be lost, God is most near to us."

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday:

Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

Scriptures for 12th Sunday after Pentecost:

Exodus 1:8-2, 10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: When hatred and division separate us,
People: God's love binds us together.
Leader: When quarrels estrange us from one another.
People: Christ's light shows us the way to reconciliation.
Leader: When we feel excluded and left out,
People: The Spirit's peace eases our pain.
Leader: When all hope of fellowship seems lost,
People: God's grace restores our hope.
Leader: Come! Let us worship God, who makes us one.

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Eternal God, part the veil that blinds us to our unity as your beloved children. When those we love hurt and betray us, help us let go of our pain and find the balm of forgiveness. When we feel abandoned by those we trust, help us seek your peace and reconciliation. When our hearts are pierced with anguish, help us find those who will bring us solace, through your loving Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Precious Lord" Eunice Alberts
Ron Giannattasio

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ Pastor Ed

A Time for Children of All Ages Rose Aiello

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Reading Genesis 45:1-15 Leader
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Hymn of Preparation "Spirit of the Living God" Eunice Alberts
Ron Giannattasio

Sermon "*Your, Ferris Wheel*" Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader
Merciful God, we yearn to be like the Joseph who wept with forgiveness on the necks of those who sold him into slavery. But we fear that our anger and resentment would lead us to take retribution on those who have wronged us. We long to see in the Canaanite woman a child of God worthy of mercy and compassion. But we fear that our deep-seated prejudices might lead us to dismiss her out of hand, as Jesus' disciples did before us. We want to open our hearts, O God, to those who are different from ourselves. But we fear to expect too much of ourselves. Help us know the joy of living in peace and harmony, even with those we would rather live without.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Bill Florin

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison) Bountiful God, when famine threatened the world, you blessed Joseph with dreams that saved children of every nation. Faithful God, when hunger threatens our world, you bless us with dreams that we can save the children of our day. Bless our offering, that your dreams for a world without want may bless the lives of your children. Accept our gifts of our time, our treasure our talents, as tokens of our dreams and our commitment to make all people one in your holy name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "To God Be The Glory" Eunice Alberts
Ron Giannattasio

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Benediction Pastor Ed

Our Worship Tech Team

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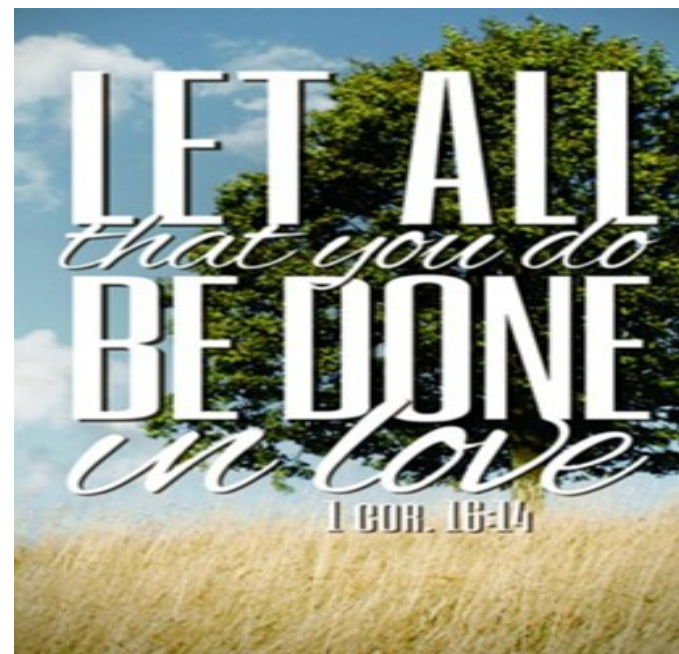
Liturgist: Tanya Lennon; Children's Time: Rose Aiello
Bill Florin – Joys and Concerns Leader

Soloist: Eunice Alberts; Pianist: Ron Giannattasio

UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn

Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts - Music Leaders



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